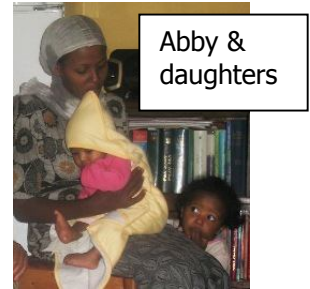


"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:4

I read these words to Kafa translator Gus on February 20th. The next day his extended family took him with his wife Abinet (Abby) and their two daughters back to the Kafa area. God took him home to Himself on February 28th; the burial took place that same day. *Praise God for providing strong pain medication for his last month, and that Gus is now completely well.* Right now, tears are a gift from God.



Abby & daughters

Kafa translator Matt (Mattewos) returned from his second resident course in Kenya with a chest cold that sapped his energy and lingered for three weeks. He and the other students continue their studies by distance education but struggle to keep up with the course load. (The course is being offered for the first time, and those who designed it underestimated the workload.) *Praise God that Matt finds the course material extremely valuable.*

I plan to travel to Kenya with Matt and the other 3 students from Ethiopia in May when they go for their third resident course. I'll send my application for a new visa by DHL or FedEx. It would not be good stewardship of energy or finances for me to make another trip to the USA so soon. I hope to visit Africa International University where Matt is studying, and also to meet the two Kenya brothers who helped us with primer construction and tutor training in Aari and Banna a few years ago.



Praise God for a good measure of healing for my grandnephew Titus from the problems that kept his skin in a state of rawness and itching. He is still being treated with strong medicated creams, but he is able to sleep through the night and he does not need someone to always hold his hands to keep him from scratching.

Please pray for:

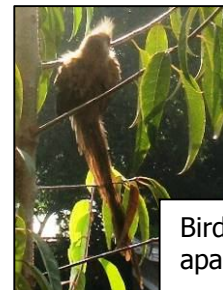
- The proofreading and correcting of the typeset Banna New Testament in Latin script. *Praise God that Matthew through 1 Corinthians is now ready for printing.*
- Betty Adams as she works to typeset the Banna New Testament in Saaba script. Because the two scripts are so different, this is not straight-forward.
- God's comfort and provision for Gus' wife Abby and the girls. Ask Him to direct us as we try to help them find a way forward.
- Matt as he studies, cares for his family of six, and works on the Kafa Old Testament.
- Fekadu as he helps us check the five remaining books of the Kafa Old Testament.
- My new visa to be granted quickly in May so that I can return from Kenya within the expected time-frame.

Heartfelt thanks to all of you for your prayers and support. With Gus' illness I have not managed to keep up with correspondence as I would like to, but please know that every prayer, every note, every gift, every loving thought is valued more than words can express.

Looking forward to Jesus' return,

Carolyn

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Bird outside my apartment window